

said, that neither she nor her family would ever fly on ValuJet. But after the crash, a DOT spokesman said ValuJet is completely safe. It is perfectly OK.

Yesterday, after a Three-Stooges-type soap opera, the Government, who has been speaking out of both sides of their mouth on the ValuJet incident, did the following thing. They grounded ValuJet as unsafe, and they threw the top safety man, Tony Broderick, to the wolves.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. It is evident after this soap opera that the only call the flying public can make is to Ghostbusters, because the FAA is out to lunch with a bunch and the DOT has gone for soup with the group. Think about it.

#### WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FBI FILEGATE SCANDAL?

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, in order to help me and the American people decipher the police state tactics of the FBI files scandal, I tried to figure out what an innocent bureaucratic mistake was. I thought it might help to look up the word "innocent" in the dictionary. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary states that the word "innocent" has the following definition: free from guilt through lack of knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, this really did not help, because how could anyone realistically have a lack of knowledge that all of the names in the files in question were Republican White House personnel? Certainly the White House should know our former Secretary of State James Baker, who was on the list, is not really a security risk.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I ask just one thing of the Clinton White House with regard to the new FBI Filegate scandal. It is the same question we have asked with so many of the scandals down at this White House: When are we going to hear the truth?

#### ANOTHER REPUBLICAN DISMANTLING OF MEDICARE

(Mr. OLIVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, as Yogi Berra once said, it is *deja vu* all over again: another Republican dismantling of Medicare; a little smaller than before, but just as unnecessary, and still a bad policy. Doctors can charge thousands of dollars in bills that Medicare will not cover; hospitals are cutting even more than before, and these cuts, along with the Republicans' Medicaid cuts, will close many rural hospitals in districts all over this country. Seniors are still herded into managed care plans where they cannot choose their

own doctor. That means less choice and continually rising premiums.

Once again, Republicans demand that seniors pay more and more and get less and less. Once again, seniors will pay for the tax cuts for the well off. This plan was never intended to improve Medicare. As Speaker GINGRICH has already said, this plan is intended to see Medicare wither on the vine. It is still a bad deal for America's seniors.

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#### PRIVACY RIGHTS AND FILEGATE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, when the privacy rights of American citizens are in jeopardy, partisan politics has no place.

That is why I stood up to Members of my own party in fighting against giving the FBI more leeway to conduct warrantless wiretaps. I have opposed the so-called digital telephony scheme which would have expanded the FBI's power to eavesdrop on American homes. And I have taken on Members of my own party when I fought against the odious 1-800-BIG-BROTHER employee computer registry plan.

Thus, I am absolutely astounded by some of the political professionals in this town who have rushed blindly to defend the White House on this FBI file scandal. There is no excuse for White House operatives to rummage through the private FBI background files of political opponents. None. People who sacrifice all dignity in order to help the White House Stonewall and on filegate lose any right to call themselves civil libertarians. It is disgraceful and they should be ashamed.

#### DOLE'S ANTIENVIRONMENT RECORD

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Bob Dole's first campaign swing through California had a chilling message for every voter who cares about the environment.

Bob Dole endorsed Governor Wilson's Ward Valley nuclear dump, although the bankrupt developer has yet to build a radioactive waste facility without serious safety problems.

Bob Dole endorsed the \$2 billion Auburn Dam for Sacramento Valley developers, situated smack on top of an earthquake fault, ignoring a cheaper and more environmentally safe flood control alternative.

Bob Dole endorsed logging of a giant ancient, redwood forest in violation of the Endangered Species Act to benefit a giant timber corporation.

And Bob Dole embraced subsidized agribusinesses who refuse to share water with California cities, fisheries,

wetlands, and refuges. No surprise, because Bob Dole's campaign manager is a lawyer representing the biggest subsidized growers and polluters in our State.

This is Bob Dole's scorched Earth campaign for California's environment, designed by lawyers, lobbyists, and special interests. It will be rejected by California voters because Bob Dole is no friend of our environment.

#### WHAT IS THREATENING ABOUT MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS?

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, taking power and influence out of the hands of bureaucrats in Washington and returning it to the American people is something the American people want and that the Congress is trying to provide.

Medical savings accounts, MSA's, are one way to return power and influence over health insurance to individuals.

With an MSA, you do not need anyone's permission to spend money on health care. It is your money to spend or save as you see fit.

With an MSA, you do not have to worry about losing your health care insurance if you switch jobs or lose your job—your MSA is yours and it goes with you. That is true portability.

With an MSA, you do not have to worry about the potential for ruinous out-of-pocket costs. Out-of-pocket costs are limited to the amount of the deductible; and catastrophic insurance kicks in with full coverage after that.

With an MSA, the power and influence over health care spending is in the hands of the individual Americans who choose to have an MSA to pay for their health care.

Why is this power and influence for individuals so threatening?

One person should not deny millions of Americans reform, including MSA's, that will make health insurance more portable and affordable.

#### TRIBUTE TO 1996 TOSHIBA/NSTA EXPLORAVISION AWARDS PROGRAM

(Mr. BROWN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, more than 40 students will come to our Nation's Capital to receive top honors in the 1996 ExploraVision Awards Program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association [NSTA].

The ExploraVision Awards Program is the largest K-12 student science competition in the world. The competition asks students to work in teams to use their imaginations to envision what technology will be like 20 years from now.